

## We Claim:

1. A composition comprising a polymer for providing a polymer membrane, at least one pharmaceutically acceptable surfactant compatible with the polymer, and a single solvent for both the polymer and the surfactant.

2. A composition comprising 40 wt % to 99.5 wt % of a member selected from the group consisting of cellulose acylate, cellulose diacylate, cellulose triacylate and ethylcellulose; 0.5 wt % to 60 wt % of an amphiphilic surfactant, and an organic solvent wherein the cellulose member and the amphiphilic surfactant exhibiting a solubility.

3. A composition comprising 40 wt % to 99.5 wt % of a member selected from the group consisting of a cellulose acetate, a cellulose diacetate, a cellulose triacetate, and ethyl cellulose; 0.5 wt % to 60 % of an amphiphilic surfactant; which composition when coated onto a therapeutic drug composition provides a dosage form for administering the drug over time.

4. A dosage form comprising: (1) a composition comprising a dose of drug; (2) a composition comprising a polymer and an amphiphilic surfactant that surrounds (1); and wherein the dosage form is characterized by : (3) a solvent exhibiting common solubility for the polymer and the surfactant for surrounding (1) with (2) to provide the dosage form.

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